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S.B. 382 AN ACT CONCERNING A CONNECTICUT
NEW MARKET TAX CREDIT PROGRAM
Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee
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Senator Fonfara, Representative Scanlon, Senator Martin, Representative Cheeseman and members of the General Law Committee: My name is John Cattelan and I am with the Connecticut Alliance of YMCAs. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 382, An Act Concerning a Connecticut New Market Tax Credit Program.

The Connecticut Alliance of YMCAs strongly supports S.B. 382. Our hope is that the tax credit will incentivize economic development in Connecticut's low-income communities to address social and economic issues and provide affordable capital to non-profit organizations that serve Connecticut's low-income communities.

By making an investment in a Connecticut new market tax credit program, the State is creating an innovative approach to addressing racial and economic inequities in Connecticut's low-income communities.

During the past two years, YMCAs across Connecticut have incurred financial losses of over \$25 million. Many of our Ys have found it necessary to withdraw funds from accounts that were earmarked for building upkeep, maintenance and depreciation in order to keep our Ys and programs operational.

The new market tax credit would allow our Ys to make important investments in our facilities that have been delayed due to the pandemic.

Connecticut's YMCAs have continued to provide many services during the pandemic. We have provided many vital services in local communities, including emergency childcare, and blood, food, mask and diaper drives.

The new market tax credit would provide our Ys with financing so that we continue providing important programs in our local communities.

Thank you.